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**EMPLOYMENT**

**University of Nebraska – Lincoln** Lincoln, NE

Assistant Professor of Political Science Aug. 2020-

**Washington University in St. Louis** St. Louis, MO

Postdoctoral Research Associate Sep. 2018-Aug. 2020

Dr. Calvin Lai’s Diversity Science Lab

**EDUCATION**

**The University of Minnesota** Minneapolis, MN

*PhD. Social Psychology* Jul. 2018

*Minor in Political Psychology*

**Summer Institute in Political Psychology** Stanford, CA

Summer 2013

**The University of Chicago** Chicago, IL

*B.A. in Psychology (Honors) and in Political Science (Honors)* Jun. 2012

*Phi Beta Kappa*

**PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

* Ekstrom, P.D. & Lai, C.K. (2022). A good person shouldn’t feel this way: Moralized attitudes, identity, and self-esteem. *Collabra: Psychology*.
* Ekstrom, P. D., Le Forestier, J. M., & Lai, C. K. (2022). Racial demographics explain the link between racial disparities in traffic stops and county-level racial attitudes. *Psychological Science*, *33*, 497-509.
* Lisnek, J. A., Wilkins, C. L., Wilson, M. E., & Ekstrom, P. D. (2022). Backlash against the# MeToo movement: How women’s voice causes men to feel victimized. *Group Processes & Intergroup Relations*, *25*(3), 682-702.
* Ekstrom, P.D. & Lai, C.K. (2021). The Selective Communication of Political Information. *Social Psychological and Personality Science, 12*, 789-800.
* Ekstrom, P.D., Smith, B., Williams, A.L., & Kim, H. (2020). Social Networks and Reasoned Candidate Preferences. *American Politics Research, 48*, 132-154.
* Ekstrom, P.D. & Federico, C.M. (2019) Personality and Political Preferences Over Time: Evidence from a multi-wave longitudinal study. *Journal of Personality, 87*, 398-412.
* Federico, C.M. & Ekstrom, P.D. (2018). The Political Self: How identity aligns preferences with epistemic needs. *Psychological Science, 29*, 901-913*.*
* Federico, C.M., Ekstrom, P.D., Reifen Tagar, M., Williams, A.L. (2016). Epistemic Motivation and the Structure of Moral Intuition: Dispositional Need for Closure as a Predictor of Individualizing and Binding Morality. *European Journal of Personality, 30*, 227-239.
* Chen, P.G., Appleby, J., Borgida, E., Callaghan, T.H., Ekstrom, P.D., Farhart, C.E., Housholder, E., Kim, H., Ksiazkiewicz, A., Lavine, H., Luttig, M.D., Mohanty, R., Rosenthal, A., Sheagley, G., Smith, B.A., Vitriol, J.A., & A. Williams. (2014). The Minnesota Multi-Investigator 2012 Presidential Election Panel Study. *Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy*.

**MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW\***

* Ekstrom, P.D., Gonzales, M.H., Williams, A.L., Weiner, E., & Aguilera, R. On the Defensive: Language, identity, and partisan reactions to political scandal.
* Ekstrom, P.D. Gonzales, M.H., Williams, A.L., Weiner, E., & Aguilera, R. Accounts Balanced: The contingent role of rhetoric in who survives political scandal.
* Puryear, C., Kubin, E., Schein, C., Bigman, Y.E., Ekstrom, P. D., & Gray, K. Bridging Political Divides by Correcting the Basic Morality Bias.

**MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION\***

* Ekstrom, P.D. We’re Good People: Moral conviction as social identity.
* Ekstrom, P.D. & Farhart, C.E. Who doesn’t love a good fight? Elite polarization energizes partisans and alienates independents.

*\*All manuscripts listed are available at my website or upon request.*

**External Funding Applications**

2023 Russell Sage Foundation. Ekstrom, P. D., Haas, I. J., & Smith, K. B. Examining the causal relationship between moral values and political preferences. Letter of Intent under review. ($144,873).

2023 National Science Foundation, Social Psychology Program. Ekstrom, P. D., Haas, I. J., & Smith, K. B. Examining the causal relationship between moral values and political preferences. Proposal declined. ($582,671).

2022 National Science Foundation, Social Psychology Program. Ekstrom, P. D., Haas, I. J., & Smith, K. B. Examining the causal relationship between moral values and political preferences. Proposal declined. ($561,607).

2020 Facebook, Foundational Integrity Research: Misinformation and Polarization request for proposals. Single-author application. Finding common ground: Which shared characteristics might mitigate intolerance? Proposal declined. ($68,272).

2019 Center for the Science of Moral Understanding, Emerging Scholars Program. Single-author application. Finding the good in our opponents: Mitigating intolerance through moral agreement. Letter of intent declined. ($50,000).

**HONORS & AWARDS**

* Carroll R. McKibbin Distinguished Research Award, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (2023)
* Senning Summer Research Fellowship, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (2021, 2022, 2023)
* Interdisciplinary Doctoral Fellowship Alternate, University of Minnesota (2017-2018)
* Robert Eichinger and Korn/Ferry Psychology Fellowship (2016-2017)
* Graduate Summer Research Fellowship, University of Minnesota, Psychology (2015)
* Gough Travel Award, University of Minnesota, Dept. of Psychology (2013, 2015, 2016, 2017)
* Graduate Research Partnership Program Award, University of Minnesota, College of Liberal Arts (2014)
* Campbell Travel Fellowship, University of Minnesota, Dept. of Psychology (2014)
* PRISM Summer Research Grant, University of Chicago (2011)

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Invited Talks**

* Ekstrom, P.D. (2023, February). We’re Good People: Moral conviction as social identity. University of Illinois, Social Psychology Brown Bag.
* Ekstrom, P.D. (2021, May). Who decides your political opinion? Interview with Civic Series (<https://civicseries.org/>).
* Lai, C.K. & Ekstrom, P.D. (2020, July). Racial disparities in police stops are associated with county-level racial attitudes. Minority Politics Online Seminar Series.
* Ekstrom, P.D. (2019, September). Causes and Consequences of Political Conflict. Talk delivered at Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO.
* Ekstrom, P.D. & Federico, C.M. (2015, June). Personality and the Evolution of Political Preferences During Campaigns. Paper presented at Maple Grove Community Center, Maple Grove, MN.

**Conference Symposia**

* Ekstrom, P.D. & Federico, C.M. (2017, January). Where, when, and for whom personality predicts political attitudes. Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.

**Conference Talks**

* Ekstrom, P.D. & Novak, L. M. (2023, July). Finding Common Ground: Can shared moral convictions, attitudes, or identities reduce intolerance?. Paper presented at the Annual meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology, Montreal, Canada.
* Ekstrom, P.D. & Novak, L. M. (2023, April). Finding Common Ground: Can shared moral convictions, attitudes, or identities reduce intolerance?. Paper presented at the Annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
* Ekstrom, P.D., Le Forestier, J. M., & Lai, C.K. (2022, July). Racial disparities in police stops are associated with county-level racial attitudes. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology.
* Ekstrom, P.D. & Lai, C.K. (2021, February). Selective Communication: Ideological biases in information sharing. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality Psychology.
* Ekstrom, P.D., Gonzales, M.H., Williams, A.L., Weiner, E., & Aguilera, R. (2020, July). Accounts Balanced: Rhetoric's modest role in who survives political scandal. Talk presented at the annual meeting for the International Society for Political Psychology, Berlin, Germany.
* Ekstrom, P.D. & Lai, C.K. (2020, February). Ideological Differences in Sharing of Political Information: Conservatives Conform, Liberals Confront. Talk presented at the Annual meeting for the Society for the Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.
* Ekstrom, P.D. & Lai, C.K. (2019, July). Selective Communication: Ideological biases in information sharing. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology, Lisbon, Portugal.
* Ekstrom, P.D. & Federico, C.M. (2017, June). The Political Self: How identity aligns preferences with epistemic needs. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology, Edinburgh, Scotland.
* Ekstrom, P.D., Smith, B., Williams, A.L., & Kim, H. (2016, June). Social Networks, Campaigns, and Reasoned Candidate Preferences. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Minneapolis, MN.
* Ekstrom, P.D. & Federico, C.M. (2017, January). Personality and the Evolution of Political Preferences During Campaigns. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.
* Ekstrom, P.D., Gonzales, M.H., Williams, A.L. & Weiner, E. (2014, July). Saving Face: Language, identity, and reactions to political scandal. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology, Rome, Italy.

**Conference Posters**

* Ekstrom, P.D. & Novak, L. M. (2023, February). Finding Common Ground: Can shared moral convictions, attitudes, or identities reduce intolerance?. Poster presented at the Annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.
* Ekstrom, P.D., Le Forestier, J. M., & Lai, C.K. (2022, February). Racial disparities in police stops are associated with county-level racial attitudes. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality Psychology.
* Ekstrom, P.D. (2019, February). We’re good people: Moral conviction as social identity. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Portland, OR.
* Ekstrom, P.D. (2018, March). I’m a good person: Moral convictions as identities. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.
* Ekstrom, P.D. & Federico, C.M. (2015, February). Personality and the Evolution of Political Preferences During Campaigns. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA.
* Ekstrom, P.D., Gonzales, M.H., & Williams, A.L. (2014, February). Saving Face: Language, identity, and reactions to political scandal. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX.
* Ekstrom, P.D., Brehm, J.J., & Visser, P.S. (2012, May). Fool me once, shame on whom? Trust and betrayal in political and interpersonal contexts. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
* Ekstrom, P.D., Brehm, J.J., & Visser, P.S. (2011, January). As far as I can throw him: Trust in political and interpersonal contexts. Poster presented at the Political Psychology Pre-conference of the Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**University of Nebraska-Lincoln Lincoln, NE**

*Instructor, Core Seminar in Biology, Psychology, and Politics* Spring 2024

*Instructor, Graduate Seminar in Research Methods* Fall 2022-Present

*Instructor, Political Analysis* Fall 2020-Present

*Instructor, Power & Politics in America* Spring 2021-Present

**University of Minnesota Minneapolis, MN**

*Instructor, Introduction to Social Psychology* 2016-2017

*Section Leader, Methods* Spring 2015

*Section Leader, Statistics* Fall 2014

*Section Leader, Major Projects* 2013-2014, ‘15-‘16

*Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Social Psychology* 2012-2013, ’14-‘16

*Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Health Psychology* Fall 2012

**Breakthrough Collaborative** Fort Worth, TX

*7th Grade English Teacher* Jun. - Jul. 2006

**MEDIA/NEWS**

* Blue, Charles. (2022). “Traffic Stops and Race: Police conduct may bend to local biases.” Interview with The Association for Psychological Science’s podcast/blog “Under the Cortex.” <https://www.psychologicalscience.org/news/2022-utc-traffic-stops-race.html>
* Wandrey, Kirsten. (2022). “UNL scholars provide active steps everyone can take to protect American democracy.” Nebraska News Service. <https://nebraskanewsservice.net/stories-covering-elections-voting-rights-politics-civic-engagement/unl-scholars-provide-active-steps-everyone-can-take-to-protect-american-democracy/>
* Sturgis, Kellen. (2022). Voter Fraud: How the myth persists in the face of facts. Nebraska News Service. <https://nebraskanewsservice.net/stories-covering-elections-voting-rights-politics-civic-engagement/voter-fraud-how-the-myth-persists-in-the-face-of-facts/>
* Dolan, Eric. (2021). “Scientists identify a psychological phenomenon that could be reinforcing political echo chambers.” PsyPost. <https://www.psypost.org/2021/01/scientists-identify-a-psychological-phenomenon-that-could-be-reinforcing-political-echo-chambers-59142>
* Jilani, Zaid. (2019). “The Hidden Benefit to Disagreeing About Politics.” *Greater Good Magazine: Science-based insights for a meaningful life.* <https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/the_hidden_benefit_of_disagreeing_about_politics>
* Ekstrom, P.D., Smith, B.A., Williams, A.L., & Kim, H. (2019). “People who experience political disagreement with those who are close to them are less likely to follow the party line.” London School of Economics’ blog on American Politics and Policy. <http://bit.ly/2yaZM0C>

**CURRENT MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

* International Society for Political Psychology
* Midwest Political Science Association
* Society for Personality and Social Psychology
* Society for Experimental Social Psychology